

ted, would revolutionize Canada West, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. In the language of the meek man Moses, "one could chase a thousand, and two could put ten thousand to flight," in any encounter with the King's enemies. The gospel plea, pruned of the overgrowth of tradition-dom and set free from the pious splicings of modern revivalism, is not only charmingly lovely, but it is the strongest and best supported plea this side of the Everlasting Throne. Where have the primitive heralds labored steadily without success? Where have they been foiled by the power of earth's might when the Great Captain's weapons were brought into the field? Where have the public soldiers of the Cross, pleading reformation in Jesus' name, where and when have they taken a step and been driven back? There is no such example. There can be none.

But the workmen? where are the workmen? A quorum of three good friends of the cause step forward to respond to this inquiry, when brother No. 1 says that we have no laborers among us who are suitably qualified for the work; brother No. 2 declares that we have the needed workmen, but that they cannot be got into the workfield on account of their backwardness to enter it; and brother No. 3 affirms that we have the right men and that there would be no difficulty to get them to proceed with the work, but the chief and only serious barrier is to sustain them. These and other assumed obstacles have one common root. There is only one reason why we have not proclaimers—we have not taken enough of the *Jerusalem medicine*. Were we religiously healthy and vigorous—in earnest to convert our fellows because we were ourselves enjoying the pure love of Christ and the power of the gospel—all the barriers and mountain-heaped difficulties that carnality could contrive or the old serpent suggest would not be able to deafen our ears nor blockade our way when the Master says, "Go ye also into the vineyard."

That good old primitive balm, therefore—compounded of the love divine, the spirit of Christ, the living energy of the tidings of great joy to all people—is precisely what is wanted; and until a little more of it is possessed and used, not only will there be a deficiency of evangelists, but very meagre efforts will be made in any department or by any instrumentality to enstamp the image of the Lord of Life upon the sons of men in this generation.

Men who are in health, and not struck with the rust of indolence, if they have anything to do, go about it and do it; and on this genuine basis we rest our assertion that as soon as our public brethren and